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I went to see Jim Penfield at the Embassy this morning and talked to him along the same lines I had followed in conversing with Ashley last night. Winthrop is in Scotland and so I shall miss him.

E. and I lunched together at Buck's and, thanks to seeing him there, Buckmaster sent E. some beautiful flowers.

The weather has been almost perfect yesterday and today, which is high praise indeed for the London climate.

Nora Flynn is also staying at Nancy Lancaster's. I had not seen her for many years. Nancy herself is down at Kelmarsh.

Tonight Jim and Ashley dined with us at Buck's. He had related our conversation to Sir William Strang and found him sympathetic to the point of view I had expressed. I now want to talk this matter over with Winthrop and, if he approves, also with Salisbury provided I get clearance to do so from the Department.

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